

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
February 12, 2014**

Present

Maureen Buckley, Acting Chairman and Commissioner
Robert Ladd, Commissioner
Stephen LaBranche, Treasurer

Chairman Buckley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Marketing

John Kane, Marketing Director, said many exciting events are being planned for the coming season. These will include 16 fireworks shoots including New Years Eve, Miss Hampton Beach, the Talent Competition, Reach the Beach, the Sand Sculpting event, Granite State Wheelmen and a half marathon. Movies will start on July 7th.

Chairman Buckley said she had been asked by some senior citizens how they can obtain information on events. Mr. Kane said he would put brochures in the Library.

Mr. Kane said brochures will be out the second week in March. Everything is updated on the website.

Kathy Silva, Blue Ocean, said they have many plans for the season. They are open now on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. for Story Time. On April 12th, which is the day of the Easter Egg Hunt, they will be having an arts and craft session. They will also have many activities in April in connection with Earth Day. Blue Ocean will be open every day full time in conjunction with the Sand Sculpture competition. Blue Ocean will be celebrating its first anniversary on June 29th.

Election and Annual Meeting

Richard Reniere, Moderator, discussed the upcoming election. The Annual Meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2014 at the Beach Fire Station. The budget and warrant articles will be addressed at this meeting. District Officers to be elected are as follows:

Commissioner	3 years
Moderator	1 year
Treasurer	1 year
Clerk	1 year
Supervisor of the Checklist	3 years

Mr. Reniere said anyone interested in running for any of these positions should contact Janet Allard, District Clerk, at 929-1170. The filing period has begun.

Mr. Reniere said anyone who wishes to vote must be a resident of the Hampton Beach Village District. To register it is necessary to have a photo ID and documentation showing residence. Voter registration times have been posted.

Old Business

Commissioner Ladd said on January 30th U.S. Senate Bill 1926 to delay the implementation of flood insurance costs for up to four years passed 67-32. Now the bill is in the House of Representatives. It is important for everyone to contact their representative in the House to force this bill to a vote. Commissioner Ladd said Maine and Massachusetts have experts challenging the FEMA regulations because they are based on the West Coast, not the East Coast. Mr. LaBranche noted that this is not just a coastal issue, but impacts those living near lakes, rivers, etc.

New Business

Chairman Buckley discussed Article 43 on the Town ballot – Trash Collection. She said the HBVD would like to put in a few ads in the newspaper urging a No vote. The cost would be \$1,235.58.

Moved by Chairman Buckley, seconded by Commissioner Ladd, to approve the expenditure of \$1,235.58 for newspaper ads urging a No vote on Article 43 on the Town of Hampton Warrant.

Vote: 2 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ladd said he attempted to determine how many rental units were in Hampton and was told somewhere between 2,000 and 3,000 units. There is not a specific record. If you add some of these to the 2,000 condo units plus the businesses in town there is an enormous impact if this article were to pass. Also the transfer station would have to be upgraded and new software purchased. A lot of money was spent to implement the system now in place. If this article becomes law there will be multiple litigations.

Approval of Minutes

A decision was made by the Commissioners to defer the approval of the Minutes of January 15, 2014 until the March meeting at which time Chairman Rage will be present.

Public Comment

Brian Lapham said the Board of Selectmen voted 4-1 to not recommend Article 43 and the Budget Committee also voted to not recommend 12-0. Mr. Lapham said he feels the public is getting the message.

Chairman Buckley said people have to be aware that it is not just the beach that is impacted by this article.

Closing Comments

There were no Closing Comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary